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REMARKS

Entry of the Power Of Attorney filed on April 9, 2007 is respectfully requested. Favorable consideration of the application as amended is also respectfully requested.

New independent Claim 39 defines the invention as a composite material that includes a plurality of beads having average diameters between about 1 mm and about 10 mm and an adhesive coating provided on at least 50 percent of the surfaces of at least 50 percent of the plurality of beads. A cured form of the adhesive has a hardness ranging from about Shore A 25 to about Shore A 95. The adhesive represents between about 20 percent and about 80 percent of the weight of the composite material. The plurality of beads and the adhesive create a composite material having a system of void spaces. New independent Claim 68 defines the invention in a similar manner, except that the plurality of beads has electrical excitation zone-treated surfaces. None of the art of record shows or suggests these structures.

Respectfully submitted,



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